IS YOUR ALARM CLOCK SET?

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Jesus said He is coming in a kind of day which you do not understand. To those not ready, His coming will be as a thief in the night. They won't understand the kind of watch (Matt. 24:42-43). When John the Baptist was in prison, he could not accept the kind of day he saw; he missed deliverance, and lost his life. John was the greatest of the Prophets, Jesus said, yet he had that problem. (Matt. 11:3, 11)

What preconceived ideas might be in your mind and not recognized - yet? This points up the need for accurate teaching and , above all, checking with the Law and the Testimony as the only Standard, to see if these things are so. (Isa. 8:20) The Old Testament is full of examples of men who could not understand the kind of day they lived in, and missed the boat - even before Hoah's time and into Paul's. It has been true from then on, as well.

Do you know the Lord has been commanding nations into outright war to put down evil since 1945 - and major powers are trying to steer clear, as best they can? (Joel 3:1, 9-16) Do you know what is the purifying flame of fire in which Paul writes th eLord is coming? (2Thess. 1:7) Do you know the Lord will pay wages only for acceptable work accomplished? (Rev. 22.12) How much do you think Christians you know will be paid? Will it be enough to live on?

Do you realize that down through the centuries the Lord has never worked through a large organization or numerous people to get early recognition of His message for the times at hand? It has always been one or two - or a small group at the most; always only a remnant few through whom He has found He can work. It is the same today, even more so because of a self-satisfied Christendom, strong in man's own brand of religious truth. Out of thousands of ministers and priests, with their varieties of "faith", how many do you suppose either have truth that is Truth, or the desire to present it - when it differs from their Church's mandatory beliefs? You can count them on th efigers of your hands, probably one hand. Doesn't that shake you just a little? It should!! (Rev. 12:9, Lk. 18:8)

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